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Gas Capitalization Hearing.

On Monday Mr. Justice Anderson, standing stock from \$150,000 to

law of 1896, which provides that no the actual cash value and the needs been worked out. of the company for expenses or betterments. The Georgetown company now desires interpretation of this law, and it is assumed that if it is authorized to bring its capitalization up to the total physical values, the Washington Gas Company will apply for like authorization, and proceed to increase its capital.

The people of the District have a It involves an interpretation of law ing of rights that thereafter would be beyond assault, and which directly involves the prices that must be paid for one of the most important necessaries of life; a commodity whose price cannot be regulated by competition, but is bound to be deprivilege of selling it. Therefore, it mitted to public utility concerns. is the interest of every citizen that the most thorough exposition of the facts surrounding the corporation be secured; its present capital, financial history, earnings and dividends from year to year, needs for funds to make extensions, the question of how much has been set aside for depreciation charges, general physical and financial conditions-in short, everything calculated to enlighten as to the merits of the present petition.

The community is no less concerned than the gas company in having the public service corporation equipped to give the best possible service. If the gas corporations need more capital, if they cannot get it except by increasing their outstanding issues, and if their prospects for increasing business are such as to justify the expenditure, then permission should be

given for a proper increase. But the inquiry that has been suggested would also deal with the question of whether profits have been reasonable in the past, and what disposition has been made of them. If, for example, a public service corporation has been earning and paying 8 per cent dividends regularly, and at the same time has been investing, out of surplus earnings, large sums in the betterment and extension of its physical plant, it is neither sound economics nor good public policy to allow it now to capitalize these investments of surplus. The surplus is a contribution from the public, additional to a compensatory dividend, and to capitalize it would manifestly be to imtributed.

This is exactly what E. H. Harri- President. man did in his reorganization of the which it invested in betterments of for the Pacific. the road. When Harriman got the property he pored over the beeks stump defending his course on the till he had figured how many mil- rate law and other matters, and orlions had thus been invested from ganizing his fight for his seat and the surplus, and proceeded to capi- his prestige. talize the amount on a liberal basis. Just how the public views that sort at work planning his boom, and the of finance, how the Interstate Com- future of Wisconsin politics. merce Commission viewed it, how the Alton. Perpetrated on the city lines.

would be equally indefensible.

of issuing additional capitalization heroism modestly performed. Sunday, one year \$2.50 grown by the demands of the community, becomes unequal to the de-

impose an unfair burden on the of their State. all mall subscriptions are invariably payable business needs of the corporation, week ago we presented to our readand not more.

of the District Supreme Court, will should be denied. If it is found to Fairbanks. The verses are entitled, a mighty wall rent the air. It was an of the District Supreme Court, will should be denied. If it is found to Fairbanks. The verses are children, unbecoming thing for an Indian brave to begin the hearing on the petition of have been paying excessively large "Nearly Saved by Mr. Fairbanks," do, but this did not deter our young the Georgetown Gas Company for dividends while failing to care for and are as follows: authority to increase its capitaliza- its property or to make needed ex- I'm the little girl was nearly saved by tion. The company is one of the tensions, likewise the privilege two selling gas in the city, and asks ought to be denied. It would be to be allowed to increase its out- denied in Massachusetts under the administration by the gas commisto such figure as will represent the nied in England under the corporapresent total value of the property. tion system in vogue there; it would This hearing is held under the be denied in every country where a I scientific code of regulating laws capitalization shall be issued beyond for public service corporations has

If the Georgetown Gas Company has been paying fair, remunerative dividends, and no more, and has need now of more capital to make necessary betterments or extensions, it should be granted the privilege of increasing its issues. Likewise, if it has been making betterments out of earnings, depriving its stockholders of dividends in order to profound concern with this inquiry. do so, it would be fair to permit an issue of capitalization to represent which may be followed by the vest- this amount which the stockholders have invested.

The question which Mr. Justice Anderson has before him is a concrete illustration, and an excellent one, of the whole problem to which President Roosevelt has demanded attention of Congress: the problem termined largely by the amount of of assuring that no more than reacapitalization issued against the sonable capitalization shall be per- Maclean's per will become a clas-

A Curious Bossism.

News comes from Wisconsin that Deck." the La Follette machine has announced a program for the State's politics for the next few years. Briefly, it is proposed, first, to bend every energy to getting La Follette nominated and elected President; second, to have Francis E. McHovern, the boodle prosecutor of Milwaukee county, elected governor; and, third, to send Irvine L. Lenroot to the Senate in place of Stephenson, when his term shall expire.

is not that such careful figuring is unusual, but rather, the frankness with which it is announced. That is the difference between the new kind much as Platt and Quay were in their time. But they do things differently. They tell the community just what they are planning to do to it. Instead of secrecy, they use publicity as their most effective weapon. They prepare a program, and ask the people to indorse it. They assure that the people will get a real chance in the game, by putting the matter up to a State-wide the old kind of bossism about impossible, and gives the new kindwhich is really leadership rather than bossism-a chance to earn just what it deserves.

Hot Weather Politics.

Senator Knox delivered another speech at Valley Forge, on Friday, pose upon the public the burden of along the line of his recognized thepaying dividends perpetually on an ory about the relations of State and amount which it had originally con- Federal governments. He was enthusiastically acclaimed as the next

Secretary Taft is going to an-Alton. For many years the Black- nounce soon an itinerary for a stone management of that road had series of addresses in the West, been paying good dividends, and from Oklahoma to the Pacific, endstill earning millions of surplus, ing at Seattle, whence he will sail

Senator Foraker is out on the

Senator La Follette is vigorously

Governor Hughes is sawing wood the President and his advisers have right along, and looming larger viewed it, is well known as a result every day in the view of the whole of the recent investigations. "Inde-country. Secretary Cortelyou is fensible financing" was what the In- developing a wonderfully promising terstate Commission called this Presidential movement along Postgroup of operations in the case of office and Treasury Department

of Washington, any parallel to it Is it any wonder that the dog-day season is unusually hot, dull and But this is not all. If a public oppressive, when all these gentleservice corporation has been taking men and sundry others are doing excessive dividends out of its prop- everything possible to make it hot erty, or issuing watered capitaliza- and keep it hot, and the only person tion in order to absorb the profits, who is doing a thing to overcome

or carving occasional melons by the heat is Vice President Fairmaking distributions of extra divi- banks? All honor and credit to the dends to its stockholders, then the Vice President! He has been every-THE MUNSEY BUILDING; stockholders are not, in good eco- where this summer, always wafting nomics, good morals, or sound public along a breath of refreshing coolpolicy, entitled to ask the privilege ness, always ready for a bit of new

Fairbanks in Verse.

Indiana takes just pride in its litmands upon it. The people who erary lights. The atmosphere of have enjoyed the excessive profits the Hoosier State seems to be parlished, in this country and in every be denied that novelists, playother progressive one, that capitali- wrights, and poets find satisfactory zation must not be so high as to inspiration in the life and manners

to meet the reasonable, legitimate excels Charles Warren Fairbanks. A tended. ers a poetic composition which cole- capade just before the 6:30 boat If the Georgetown Gas Company brated the Vice President's oratori- A thousand passengers were on hand s found, on inquiry, to be asking cal powers. Today, we respectfully about the wharf and a great scramble the privilege of capitalizing better- submit a poem called forth from the final load. This youngster of about ten ments which it has paid for from pen of Stuart Maclean by the recent years was in the midst of the jam, being surplus earnings, the privilege rescue incident in the carer of Mr. in charge of a doting mother. Suddenly

Mr. Fairbanks
When I fell into the lake at Yellowstone.

I gurgled in the water in a way standing stock from \$150,000 to administration of the standing stock from \$150,000 to administration o

plazza, Reading articles on "How to Grow was saved from being saved by Mr. the fact that Mr. Fairbanks wasn't there.

I'm the girl was nearly saved by Mr. From the waters of the ley inland sea. Twas a cruel trick of fate he was half But Mr. Fairbanks nearly rescued me.

When you read the advertisements in the papers, Please remember I'm the only one Who can furnish up the pageant for an up-to-date press agent.
Provided that he understand his biz;
Though it's true that all the wet on
Mr. Fairbanks
Was the perspiration running down

his face, He's not less a hero, is he, if he happens to be busy Saving all the nation at some other place?

I'm the girl was nearly saved by Mr. Fairbanks, Had it only happened he was there to See, But the thing that was the worst was

that others saw me first, So he only almost nearly rescued me. In the absence of our literary edisic, and that it will take rank in lit-

Mr. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph Company, has given official assurance that there is no agreement about rates between his company and the Western Union. This makes plain that the most wonderful series of co ncidences ever recorded is that which makes these rates exactly the same and makes them always go up and down

The Steel Corporation may ultimately The odd thing about this program at least until something more exciting comes along.

General Brayton, the blind man who has bossed Rhode Island politics for of bosses and the old. La Follette resigned his position. Brayton is blind, still laughing when several of his and Cummins are bosses just as but he could see that the time for his friends came along and he told them sort of management is past.

> From the advance sheets of the forthning Pittsburg city directory: Count them-600,000-count them! Mostly millionaires! . Some Real Good!

(When they are at home and not or Broadway.) Mrs. Sage has given away \$125,000 more this time to a home for aged. As we

voting primary. The primary makes Russell, we can only hope that the new friends, ed keep informed about what is doing 66 T. HIS," observed the man who here on earth, is all a mistake. Mr. Harriman's purchase of a hom

on Fifth avenue at a cost of near a who are intending to put him in for you?" jail "when they catch him."

South Carolina was the original nullifi courts continue to invite it.

BORDERLAND OF BIRTH.

Afar I seemed to hear a troubled sea, A multitude of waters tossed, and wild, While half in langurous fear, yet half beguiled,

For gentle Death I waited quietly.
The murmur of the ocean seemed to be Sweet angel voices, and, as one exiled Is welcomed home in accents soft and mild.

Though nearly soothed away, I drew strong breath,
Drew eager breath, dear love, and turned and knew
Thy face above me, and our Little One!
—Appleton's Magazine.

THE IDEAL SPORT.

'Tis well enough to sit and fish, All mundane cares forget; But even while you ply your rod The fish is cooler yet.

'Tis well enough to loft and drive Upon a grass hill, But even then the golfer finds The caddy cooler still.

Thus summer needs a better game When Mercury is king, And looking back on boyhood days I have the very thing.

Why not when laying out the links, To charm our weary souls, Let all who play the royal game Make eighteen swimming holes?

The TALK of the TOWN BY THE TOWN TALKER

public. That is, it must be sufficient As an inspirer of poesy no one amusement of the thousands who at-

One of them, however, took life seftously and figured in an amusing es

"What's the matter, Johnny?" asked

the mother in alarm.
"I'm gong home," he yelled. ain't no use for me to go, all these old people are smashing my feathers all to

come sadly disarranged. An amused smile spread over the features of those surrounding Johnny and they all fell back. His mother reassured him, and, after re-arranging his fantastic headgear and distributing the paint a little more evenly on his round little face, the young Indian was taken in low by friendly observers and as the way was choked back the sobs and stepped aboard ship.

RIDES and grooms from the country no longer inspire interest and curiosity in Washington, but the other day a wedding

A prospective bride and groom with were walking aimlessly up Fifth street tention, when a large dog passed through the circle, saw the cat, and net a young man, a member of one of made a savage dart for her, kitty was all attention in an instant try and had evidently never been in Washington before.

They inquired from the young lawyer "The Boy Stood on the Burning office in D street. The justice was not pense.

these people I've got to have something for the "inner man."

The young lawyer saw his duty and offered to direct the visitor from the country to a place where he might satisfy his thirst. Not caring for anything himself at that time of day, he indicated a little place a few doors lose Mr. Corey, but the reporters will from Justice O'Neal's office. The place has a swinging wicker door about two feet from the ground and when the man reached the door, got down on his knees and calmiy crawled through the open

The young lawyer, who stood cut or many years under Senator Aldrich, has the sidewalk, was convulsed. He was of it. They absolutely refused to believe him in spite of his persistent assertions that the thing really happened and finally, when he saw that it was no use,

"Well, I'll prove it to you." He went over to the door, leaned down and looking under the wicker swing called out:

"Come on; they're ready for you," and sure enough out came the best man in the same fashion he had gone in. The

starts the elevators in the is taken into consideration that the Munsey Building, "is the silly United States has not provided any amjoke season. It was bad bassadorial residences in Europe. House report of an interesting feud between during the first few weeks of rent as a rule costs as much or more Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, another of Joseph Loftis, leaping from a chair Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, another of Joseph Loftis, leaping from a chair and snatching a 32million dollars indicates confidence that hot weather, when every one who got than the salary of an ambassador at a the very rich members of the corps, and he is still considerably in the lead of on a car would ask, 'Is this hot enough first-rate court.

Robert J. Wynne consul- general to caliber revolver from his pocket.

"Some of the people are still sticking tracted special attention to the fact that that phrase, but about every other these posts are generally held by men General before he became consul general that come also are still sticking tracted special attention to the fact that General before he became consul general that come also are still sticking tracted special attention to the fact that General before he became consul general that come also are still sticking tracted special attention to the fact that the second still sticking tracted special attention to the fact that the second still sticking tracted special attention to the fact that the second still sticking tracted special attention to the fact that the second still st one that comes along wants to know, cation State, but the North State wouldn't be averse to giving a modern instance if these Federal laws and foolish back, but it seems to me that there is something wrong with us as a race when everybody you meet says comething idiotic about the weather.

"Then there is the fellow who doesn't say foolish things in hot weather, but who does things that would make a board of lunacy judge him insane. He will go around all day sweltering and grumbling, and about every five minutes will go out and get something to cool him off. He will usually start off mild,
I heard them calling, calling me.
Then those deep surges sharply piercing through
And piercing through the strange allure of death,
I heard a cry! And, love, though near undone.

Secretable of the members of the mem Y little friend was reciting his tions were, in the main, satisfactory. creatures, the little fellow was puzzled. For a moment or two, his wrinkled brow showed he was deep in thought. Suddenly his eyes brightened, and smilingly he said: "Oh, me knows, muvver. God's creatures am women and cows."

ON'T sit in a poker game where of the monument, especially when the "four flusher" has worked into the game, drawn chips, and hasn't a cent in his pocket. A friend for at Rio Jinerio, against whom some ran up against such a game a month ago, and he has just finished paying his "I. O. Us."

My friend, with his usual poor luck, lost about \$75, and "Four-flushing Bill" Thempson was experated, and soon afof the monument, especially when the "four flusher" has

NE of the features of the excur-sions to Marshall Hall under the auspicies of the Order of was given to the winner.

Not having the full mined to kill the cat, but she never re-treated an inch.

Just before the last dash made by the

should provide, to the extent of ticularly conducive to the making of that excess at least, the working capital.

The rule is now thoroughly established, in this country and in every the denied that novelists, playday, the latter has had little peace of mind, owing to the whinings of "Bill" for the money. "Bill" has the money, but my friend says "nevah" when asked to sit in with the "man without the amusement of the thousands who at-

EE, but the motormen must Avenue car recently. "They get the They were attired in spotless linen suits of an all-Israel organization following a breeze all day long and never have to of the Buster Brown style, and each lit- meeting at Terrace Lyceum. use a fan," he continued.

It's after the run is over that the the heat is described as being almost inbearable. It is the contrast and sud- a pair of twin doggles." den change, for the man who travels through the atmosphere at from eigh to twenty miles an hour all day is bound to become hot when you take the air away and he has to face the weather Ask a motorman and he will confirm you see, about all vocations.

sport. I was in the Iowa cirattention was attracted to a number of posed the treasure. party furnished enough amusement to several persons that made them forget all about the heat for a few minutes. Thirteenth street. After playing with the cat for a time the little misses of least moved on and left kitty alone. She was quietly walking around, apparently look-

direct from the real wilds of the coun-bushed out-another looking animal from The big dog rushed at the cat as though ably because no one had had any news where they could get a marriage license about five feet of mammy cat, who was tor, we venture to assert that Mr. and he, very obligingly, accompanied on the defensive, she turned the aggresthem to the City Hall, and helped sor, rushed at the dog with claws flying, them get the license. He further sug; and forced the canine to retreat under erature midway between "The Charge of the Light Brigade" and escorted them over to the justice's brought out the laugh at the dog's explight of the newspaper men, although

the three visitors became. Finally the resulted in quick defeat. The contest and did everything for the papers ex-best man blurted out: 'Well, if I've got to stand up with the circle, and the fight lasted possibly five minutes. The dog seemed deter-ington man.

lomats, and still less adequate when it

A number of incidents latterly have at-

mportant qualification for them. There

Complaints Against Tower.

Recently there has been an /uncom-

fortable volume of protest against the

ocial attitude of Ambassador Tower, at

ONLY WEALTHY MEN

CAN BE DIPLOMATS

American Ambassadors Have to Pay Rental Almost

Equal to Yearly Stipend Because United States

Owns No Foreign Homes.

There has been lately a notable dispo- | terward he was transferred to the post

represented at the great capitals of Eu-trope by men of great fortunes, on the elected Senator, was given the Brazilian

theory that nobody else can live up to embassy as a consolation prize. His the social requirements of the posts.

he social requirements of the posts.

These embassics are paid salaries of to conducting the relations between the

sition to accentuate the inquiry whether of ambassador at Mexico. Thompson it really pays to have the United States is a Nebraska millionaire, and, follow-

Just before the last dash made by the Assembly to Be Held

days," said a noisy and pernoon attracted my attention by spiring youngster on an the general neatness of the little ones. ganized committee for the establishm

tle one was having a jolly time. As I Every Jewish organization in this The average motorman will tell you, passed them a society girl coming in country ic to be invited to send reprehowever, that the kid was entirely my direction was accompanied by a sentatives to the convention, which is wrong. In fact, it is said that as a pair of white poodles whose hair had to be held in Carnegie Hall, and it is rule the motormen suffer from heat been cut in those awkward bunches appeared by the trend of the mode. The convention of the mode of the mode of the mode. mere than any other class, that is, at proved by the trend of the mode. The egates will be in attendance. A special During the run itself they stay dogs looked so much alike that it would refreshingly cool and it's real nice to have been difficult to a stranger to have chairman, has been formed to make arbe "on the job."

The dogs at rangements for the coming conference. told "Fido" from "Zip." The dogs at rangements for the coming conference. once won the attention of the little chilnotorman suffers. When the car is dren, when the oldest, possibly seven taken to the barn and he goes to sleep, years old, exclaimed to his mother all excitement. "Oh! Look mother, here is ish international congress with regularly

northwest, that when robbed of its store in whatever country they may happen Did you ever think about it this way? of honey showed it to be the home of to live. an unusually large colony. The honey, in pure white combs, weighed over 100 pounds. The bee colony built its hive ritorialists, Alliance Israelite, and the under the eaves of the mansard roof, B'nai B'rith, just as national congresses.

ID you ever see a mammy cat and extended their home far under the include the representatives of different whip a big dog? If not, you roof until they became a nulsance, and have missed a piece of rare it became necessary to break up the colony. A tinner was sent for. He cut cle park a few afternoons ago when my open the tin and slate roof and ex-

URING the sessions of the re cent convention of the Army and Navy Union, Gen. Andrew Burt, was the angel of the newspaper reporters. Without him the the usual accommodating best man, ing for some one else to show her atwould have been meager, indeed. The titled to recognition by the world's business meetings were all secret, and rulers. A tentative constitution for the the newsgatherers had to get their re They looked as if they had come with back arched, eyes aflame, and tall afterward. The convention had made no provision for furnishing the public what she was when I first saw her. with accounts of its proceedings, probhe was sure of victory, but when within paper experience, and did not appreciate the necessity of making such provision. General Burt, however, whose long and honorable military career has not precluded every other interest in life,

he was unable to remedy it officially In at that particular time and they were compelled to wait. The longer Mr. So was master of the field but for an instant. The dog returned to the matters personally, and was right "there of Neal stayed away the more fidgety fray time after time, but each assault with the goods" after every meeting, By the way, General Burt is a Wash-

Talk of Reid-Wynne Feud.

Lately there has come from London

country as the United States.

GRAND CONCLAVE HEBREWS IN VIEW

in New York in October.

NEW YORK, July 20 .- For the purpose of promoting the movement to establish a permanent international Jewish conference, a convention of Jews FOND mother giving her little from all over the United States is to be held in this city in October.

This action was decided on by the executive committee of the recently or-

committee, with Dr. Julius Weiss as

International Congress.

The proposition is to establish a Jewelected members from all parts of the world. The congress, with a president, ECENTLY a hive of bees was vice president, and treasurer, will act as discovered in the roof of a resi- a bond of union for the Jews of the dence on L street, between world, and the instrument of relief and Twelfth and Thirteenth streets welfare in all that concerns the Jews

It is hoped to include in the congress such organizations as the Zionists, Ter-B'nai B'rith, just as national congresses

The International Congress of All-Israel, which is the name propose would have authority to act for the Jews of the world in all emergencies.

Tentative Constitution.

It is urged as one advantage of the proposed congress that it would be able to act authoritatively in case of oppression or massacre, and, as the central new congress has been drawn up, and provides among other things that the congress shall represent and speak for all Israel; purchase or lease territory for Jews to live in; establish a nationa bank and borrow money on the credit of all Israel, and render aid and relief to all Jews who suffer from persecu-

tion.
The national congress, which will be held next October, will consider the con-stitution and other kindred matters, but its principal business will be to make preparations for an international congress and establish the movement on a

BROTHER'S SHOTS

ON \$17,500 SALARY Chicago Diamond Merchants in Battle Over Business Affair.

> CHICAGO, July 20 .- Samuel T. A. Loftis, president of the firm of Loftis Bros. & Co., diamond merchants, was shot early this afternoon by his brother, Joseph S. Loftis, after a stormy scene in the offices of the company, 92 State street, in which the wounded man and his wife had sought to force Joseph

Loftis out of the partnership.

The shooting came as a climax to a board of directors' meeting attended by Samuel Loftis, his wife, and Joseph. contemplate the agonies of mind that young lawyer is vindicated and is now all this lavishness would cause Uncle working off some others on his trusting all this lavishness would cause Uncle working off some others on his trusting the relations between the conducting the relations between the put a formal motion that young lawyer is vindicated and is now all this lavishness would cause Uncle working off some others on his trusting the relations between the conducting the relations betwee lecting his duties and conducting him self in a manner prejudicial to the firm's

interests. "You will never do that!" shouted

Robert J. Wynne, consul- general to caliber revolver from his pocket. Woman Attacks Assailant.

In an instant, before Samuel Loftis whose wealth constitutes at least a very eral, and the stories that he has been could jump to his feet, Joseph had beviolently snubbed by the diplomatic repwas the lamented affair of "Bellamy and resentation there have not been cheerhis brother in the left arm. Mrs, Loftis Maria" Storer, which embarrassed the fully received. It has been explained at first screamed and started to run, Administration at home and likewise that the attaches and secretaries of the but quickly regained her composure. abroad. The Storers were people of embassy have assumed general social She rushed upon her husband's assailant great wealth and sundry fads which they precedence over Mr. Wynne and his like a panther. She grabbed him by the apparently conceived it an important wife on the ground that diplomacy throat, choking him with all her might, part of their duty to promote. Their proper was superior to the mere conpromotion methods got them tangled up sular service, which represented merely him and clinched him around the waist. with the diplomatic relations of this trade interests. This may be good eti- At close range, Joseph fired several with the diplomatic relations of this trade interests. This has be good etc. At close range, Joseph and to country to the Catholic Church and to quette, but it has jarred people's sensitive or three countries, and the exposure bilities who fancy that trade hardly ought to be despised by the foreign through his coat. of Ambassador Storer was more edifying agents of as distinctively a commercial

Policemen Rush In.

Meanwhile, Policemen Doode and It is the pretty uniform method of important countries nowadays in selecting ambassadors for the United States rushed into the room. Hundreds of women clerks in to send men who will be peculiarly qualsocial attitude of Ambassador Tower, at least then who will be pecuniarly qual-berlin, who has been accused of too iffed to get into sympathetic relations offices were panic stricken when the strong a preference for the members of with the people and the officials of this shooting began. They rushed into the

AND TROLLEYS IN EDEN?

A British company has obtained permission to run three steamers on the Tigris, the famous river of ancient Nineveh.